

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a retired physician who practiced medicine in Connecticut for thirty years. Several years prior to establishing a practice I served as a U.S.Navy Medical Corps officer and spent my military time serving the U.S. Marines, first near Parris Island and then in Danang, Vietnam. Prior to my Far East experience I attended field medical school at Camp Pendleton in California and went through what amounted to basic military training, including learning how to handle the standard military assault rifle, the M16. Needless to say it was a powerful weapon. I remember realizing how much death this gun could inflict if it were to be used inappropriately.

I am writing this to express my strong support for any measure that removes this weapon from the public domain. There is no reason to have a weapon like this for sport shooting or for personal defense. There is too great a risk of "collateral" damage from these high-power, large ammunition capacity weapons of mass destruction.

Sincerely yours,

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